



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 291

LCO No. 4219

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Department of
2 Children and Families shall establish, within available appropriations,
3 a kinship foster care program. Such program shall ensure that when a
4 child has been removed from his or her home and is in the care,
5 custody or guardianship of the department, the department attempts
6 to identify a relative of the child who would be appropriate for
7 placement of the child. If the department determines that it is in the
8 best interest of the child to be placed with a relative for foster care, the
9 department shall inform the relative regarding procedures to become
10 licensed as a foster parent.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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